Colleton County

1. **What does educational achievement mean to our community?**
   - Improve quality of life
   - Belief in educational system
   - Improve perception of school
   - Keeping best and brightest- higher paying facilities, attraction, low wages for jobs
   - As citizens and government need to get standards for wages
   - Sense of belonging
   - Sense of pride
   - Strength can carry belonging and pride outside

2. **What is needed in our community so that ALL students can succeed? (Strengths & Challenges)**
   - Weight students per poverty factor for funding
   - Large county- transportation issue, need to expand capability
   - Begins with manufacturing growth
   - Show students alternative to four-year college
   - Show students "real life" industry skills- start as early as possible
   - Motivate students to believe, achieve, and succeed
   - Create awareness of the kinds of jobs possible
   - Students that are motivated and have sense of self-worth and pride

   Strengths:
   - Curriculum coordinator - full-time reason for success
   - AP results
   - Leadership in school
   - 5 students selected for the Governors School for the Arts and Humanities
   - Strong vocational system
   - Communication enhanced by technology

   Challenges:
   - Funding
   - Small middle class that volunteers
   - Education is not valued and treasured
   - Disconnect family/ morality

3. **What programs, partnerships etc. work well in your community to support all students succeeding?**
   - Tutor program
   - After school center- funded by grants
   - Strong arts council offers programs- stage performances, instructional dance, art, ceramic
   - Isiah UMC and United Way after tutorial program

4. **What can we do in our homes and neighborhoods to strengthen our schools?**

- Get students to see value in volunteering, to give back and see evidence of accomplishment
- Encourage further investment
- Encourage knowledge and skills
- Help parents be better parents for children